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Newsline Extra features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

Levy increases successful for two southwest libraries

Joplin Public Library and Webb City Public Library both won property-tax increases at the polls on August 8. Joplin Public library won a 10-cent levy increase from 15.45 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation to 25.45 cents. Revenue from the tax will be used to expand hours, materials and databases. Webb City Public Library won a 9-cent levy increase from 20 cents to 29 cents.

New population summary reports

The Missouri Census Data Center has created a new set of summary reports based on the recently released county estimates by age, sex, race and Hispanic origin. Visit the [Missouri Census Data Center Web site](#) and choose a state. Users may select data for 2004 or 2005. Four separate reports are available and they vary by demographic detail and geographic level.

Bookmobile and outreach conference scheduled for September

The 2006 joint conference of the Association of Bookmobile and Outreach Services (ABOS) and the Association of Rural and Small Libraries (ARSL) is scheduled for September 27-29, in Columbus, Ohio, in cooperation with the Center for the Study of Rural Librarianship. The downloadable flyer is at <http://jupiter.clarion.edu/~csrl/great.htm>. The registration deadline is September 22, 2006. For any additional information contact Marilyn Kaeckmeister at m.kaeckmeister@vlc.lib.mi.us, Colleen Carney at carney@berkeley.lib.sc.us or Sharon Bauer at shbauer@clarion.edu.

Nominations sought for the Best Small Library in America Award

Library Journal is now soliciting nominations for the 2007 Best Small Library in America Award. *Library Journal's* annual award for the Best Small Library in America, cosponsored by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was founded to encourage and showcase the exemplary work of the public library that most profoundly demonstrates outstanding service to populations of 25,000 or less. The winning library will receive a \$15,000 cash award, a feature story in the February 1, 2007, edition of *Library Journal*, membership and conference costs for two library representatives to attend the Public Library Association Biannual Conference in 2008 and a gala reception at the conference. Complete guidelines and eligibility requirements are available on the [Library Journal Web site](#). Nominations are due November 1, 2006.

PLA announces new start dates for e-Learning courses

E-Learning @ PLA, the online education program of the Public Library Association (PLA), will offer five new start dates for two of its popular courses. ***New Planning for Results*** and ***Creating Policies for Results*** will each be offered on the following dates:

- September 11, 2006
- October 9, 2006
- February 5, 2007
- March 5, 2007
- April 7, 2007

In *New Planning for Results*, participants will learn how to develop a strategic plan for their library through interactive exercises, collaborative work, threaded discussions and online chats with June Garcia, the course instructor. The course can be completed in an average of six hours of online work and 5 hours of offline work (assignments, chats, etc.) over four to six weeks. In *Creating Policies for Results*, participants will learn to evaluate their library's existing policies, determine what additional policies are needed, revise and develop policies and establish a process to implement the new or revised policies. The self-paced streamlined course can be completed in an average of six hours of online work and three to six hours of offline work (optional assignments, chats, etc.) over six weeks.

To register for any E-Learning @ PLAonline course, visit the [PLA Web site](#). Registration closes one week before the class start date. The cost for each of these courses is \$195 for PLA members, \$250 for ALA members and \$295 for nonmembers. Group discounts are available for state libraries, consortia, systems of regions and registrants from the library. PLA's courses are eligible for Show Me Steps grants if submitted at least six weeks prior to the class start date. More information on these grants is available on the [Missouri State Library Web site](#).

Chapin Hall sponsors conference on vulnerable youth

What can be done to strengthen the safety net for vulnerable youth during the transition to adulthood? Join Chapin Hall Center for Children at the *Adolescence and the Transition to Adulthood Conference* in Chicago on October 18-19, 2006, to explore the challenges faced by young people who don't have the financial or emotional support to successfully navigate adult life. Youth policy advocates, Congressional staff members, state legislators, reporters and researchers will discuss the complex issues that prevent young adults from reaching their potential. Keynote speaker Laura Sessions Stepp, features writer for *The Washington Post*, will address the difficulties vulnerable youth have in forming positive intimate relationships. Journalists who cover child and family policy will moderate the panel discussions and the audience question-and-answer sessions. For more information visit the [Chapin Hall conferences Web site](#).

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